



5902 - MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO FOUNDED 1776  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, established October 30, 1775, by Fr. Fermin Francisco de Lasuén. Mass was celebrated and the temporary structures begun, but a few days later word of an Indian uprising at San Diego caused its temporary abandonment. The cross was left standing and the bells buried. November 1, 1776, the Mission was re-established (this is the date usually given as that of the founding). This was the finest of all the Missions in architectural beauty. An earthquake in 1812 destroyed the recently completed church. This was the seventh Mission established.



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